

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel Claims 1-13 and add new claims 14-36, as follows:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

14. (new) A vacuum cleaner which comprises a body provided with a cable winding device arranged therein and used for winding and unwinding a power supply cable which is provided with an electric plug connected to an electric power network, and an auxiliary device for moving said electric plug from a first position, where the power supply cable is wound to the shortest length thereof, into a second position where said power supply cable or electric plug can be taken by hand for unwinding the power supply cable, wherein the vacuum cleaner is provided with a mobile handle connected to the auxiliary device, and when the handle is moved, the auxiliary device is activated.

15. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 14, wherein the auxiliary device comprises a pick-up element, which when the handle is moved out of its home position moves the electric plug into the second position.

16. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the pick-up element is attached to the handle.

17. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the pick-up element is held on the vacuum cleaner so as to be electrically activatable, and is activatable by an electric switch that can be switched by the handle.

18. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein the pick-up element is movably held on the vacuum cleaner and is coupled to the handle by way of a mechanical drive.

19. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the handle and the pick-up element are swivellably held on the vacuum cleaner and are coupled by way of at least one of a lever, a toothed gearing arrangement, and a belt drive.

20. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the handle is swivellably held and the pick-up element is slidably held on the vacuum cleaner, and in that the handle comprises at least one of a lever and a cam which activates at least one of a slide and a telescopic arm that is connected to the pick-up element.

21. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the handle is slidably held and the pick-up element is swivellably held on the vacuum cleaner.

22. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the pick-up element comprises at least one of the lever and the cam which activates a slide connected to the handle.

23. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 21, wherein the pick-up element is coupled to a toothed gearing arrangement which meshes with a toothed rack on the handle.

24. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 18, wherein the handle and the pick-up element are slidably held on the vacuum cleaner and are coupled by way of a catch.

25. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 15, wherein by means of at least one of a locking element and a switching gate, the pick-up element is held at pre-tension in the first position of the electric plug, and the at least one of the locking element and the switching gate can be released from its home position by moving the handle.

26. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 25, wherein for winding the power supply cable, the pick-up element can be pre-tensioned in the first position of the electric plug by the energy stored in the cable winding device.

27. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

- a vacuum cleaner body;
- a power supply cable connected to the body and having an electric plug disposed at an end of the power supply cable;
- a handle connected to the body for movement with respect to the body between an inoperative position and a carrying position; and
- an auxiliary device engaging the electric plug and being movable with respect to the body between a first position, in which the electric plug is retracted adjacent the body, and a second position, in which the auxiliary device extends the electric plug outwardly away from the body, the auxiliary device being coupled to the handle and being movable between the first and second positions in response to movement of the handle between the inoperative and carrying positions.

28. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 27, wherein the auxiliary device comprises a hook-shaped pick-up element defining a slot for receiving the power supply cable, the pick-up element engaging the electric plug and being movable between the first and second positions.

29. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 28, wherein the pick-up element is fixed to the handle.

30. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 28, wherein the handle is pivotally connected to the body for pivotal movement between the inoperative and carrying positions and the pick-up element is pivotally connected to the body for pivotal movement between the first and second positions, a belt and pulley assembly coupled to the handle and the pick-up element and including a first pulley connected to the handle, a second pulley connected to the pick-up element, and a belt extending between the first and second pulleys to transfer rotational movement of the handle to rotational movement of the pick-up element.

31. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 28, wherein the handle includes a cam member and is pivotally connected to the body for pivotal movement between the inoperative and carrying positions, the auxiliary device including a slide rod having a first end engaging the cam member and a second end connected to the pick-up element, the slide rod being supported by the body for translational movement between the first and second positions in response to rotational movement of the cam member.

32. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 28, wherein the handle is slidably connected to the body for translational movement between the inoperative and carrying positions and the pick-up element is pivotally connected to the body for pivotal movement between the first and second positions, the handle including a toothed rack and a gearing arrangement engaging the toothed rack and the pick-up element to transfer translational movement of the handle into rotational movement of the pick-up element.

33. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 28, wherein the handle is slidably connected to the body for translational movement between the inoperative and carrying positions and the auxiliary device includes a slide rod connected to the pick-up element, the slide rod being supported by the body for translational movement between the first and second positions in response to translational movement of the handle.

34. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 28, wherein auxiliary device includes an electric motor drive for moving the pick-up element between the first and second positions, the electric motor drive being activated in response to an electric switch engagable with the handle.

35. (new) A vacuum cleaner comprising:

- a vacuum cleaner body;
- a power supply cable connected to the body and having an electric plug disposed at an end of the power supply cable opposite the body;
- a cable winding device disposed within the body for winding and unwinding the power supply cable;
- a handle connected to the body for movement with respect to the body between an inoperative position and a carrying position;
- an extension means for engaging the electric plug and being movable with respect to the body between a first position, in which the electric plug is retracted adjacent the body, and a second position, in which the extension means extends the electric plug outwardly away from the body; and
- a coupling means coupling the handle to the extension means for moving the extension means in response to movement of the mobile handle.

36. (new) The vacuum cleaner according to claim 35, further comprising a locking means for releasably locking the extension means in the first position adjacent the body.